

Innocent of Crime, Seeks No Revenge, Declares Mrs. Hall

**Widow, in First Interview,
Repeatedly Voices Faith
in Slain Rector; Denies
Ever Seeing Mrs. Gibson**

**Declines to Dissect
Singer's Character**

**Wrote Score of Reporters
Alone and Calls Murder
a Blank Wall to Her**

By Ishbel Ross
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 1.—No vindictive memories or spurring urge for vengeance smokes out the calm surface of Mrs. Edward W. Hall's life as she lives from day to day in the shadow of tragedy. Whatever her hidden fires—and she seems the quiet, still type, capable of sudden and furious eruption—her exterior was revealed in an interview to-day as clear and hard as crystal.

The veil that she has drawn both literally and figuratively between herself and a questioning public was taken off for the first time since the bodies of her husband, the Rev. Edward W. Hall, and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills were found together under a crab apple tree six weeks ago. Its withdrawal revealed in the physical sense an attractive enough picture of a woman of dignity and, in the figurative sense, an incredible negation of emotion that may merely have been her way of showing reserve in face of the volley of questions that whistled about her ears for a full hour.

No Fears for Future
She has nothing to fear from the future, she asserted, defending herself in even, unemotional tones and casting off insinuations as being beyond her comprehension.

"I don't want to see anybody punished," she said in even, untroubled accents. "I haven't a vindictive feeling. I think any one who has committed a murder is not a safe person to have at large, but so far as a desire for vengeance goes I have none."

It was placidly said as she sat with her arms demurely folded facing a group of reporters. Her chair rocked and her keen, starry eyes slid around the room, unconsciously challenging comment or criticism. And again, in the highly Victorian parlor which seemed a perfect background to this woman:

"I had such faith in my husband. If he were here he could explain. He could explain if he were here. I feel he is in the room."

He was never in love with Mrs. Mills.

Barely Hides Contempt
Not all at once but from time to time her declarations of faith drifted through the text of the interview, a phrase at a time, never very much, always uttered in passionless tones. She would scarcely keep her contempt from pouring the atmosphere in spite of her well-bred manner to her interviewers. She hates publicity, has hated it all her life, she said. It was bad for her to be interviewed. She answered practically every question, but grudgingly, with brevity and reserve.

She is not by any means the austere woman she has been pictured, but is self-contained to a degree. Entering the room and bowing to reporters she seemed a little figure in her clinging black dress of Canton crepe with a wide silk scarf edged with ermine trailing over her shoulders, flimsy fashion.

But when she sat down her large head and pronounced features robbed her of the fugitive air of fragility that she had been pictured. Her hair, her beautiful eyes, her small hands and feet. Her hair, which rolls down her brow in a front pompadour, is white in color and quite black at the back. Her hair, which is very large, lobeless ears. Her nose and mouth would indicate a depth of character, although rolls of flesh have robbed her chin of its original lines.

**Would Mirror Flapper
On Screen to Cure Her**

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 1.—A campaign to rid the world of the flapper by showing her herself on the screen was urged to-day by Mrs. Frank C. Everett, of Trenton, chairman of the Parent Teachers Association, here to attend the state conference of the organization and the Mothers' Congress.

"A study in contrasts is what is needed," she said.

"Show upon the screen pictures of the typical flapper enjoying herself in the manner typical to flappers. Then by way of contrast, show the girl of refinement enjoying herself in a refined manner."

News Summary

LOCAL

Choose between Smith's destructive policy and administration's concrete five-cent fare plan, Miller tells voters, terming Hyman transit scheme "economic idiocy and political bunk."

Hughes pleads for re-election of Miller for his "ability, disinterestedness and sagacity."

Checks prove bus cash. Twelve election fraud warrants to halt flagrant thievery in Manhattan; six arrested in Brooklyn.

Four-year-old girl dies in vain attempt to save baby brother from fire.

Day to present books to-day as Federal grand jury continues bootlegging investigation.

City budget should have been \$13,500,000 less, says Citizens Union; tax rate to drop four points, Hyman insists.

Deportation of alien liquor law violators is plan of Yellowford.

Smith tells Brooklyn meeting Transit Commissioner's plan is political trick; credits Mayor with keeping fares down.

Cohalan declares foe's baseless charges are best proof of his independence.

Fascisti Peril To Peace, Is Fear in Paris

**Official Circles Frankly
Worried Over Policy of
Mussolini to Regain the
Adriatic Despite Pact**

**Serb Mobilization
Presents Danger**

**Belgrade, Bucharest and
Prague, in Defensive
Alliance, Oppose Italy**

Special Cable to The Tribune
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PARIS, Nov. 1.—A grave menace to European peace is seen here in the formation of a Fascisti Cabinet in Rome, and this development seems to make the perils surrounding the Turko-Greek war insignificant by comparison. After sending his resignation to Rome Count Sforza, the Italian Ambassador here, visited Premier Poincare and called attention to the very serious dangers arising from the Fascisti policy with reference to the Adriatic question. The Fascisti demand the tearing up of the treaties with Jugoslavia and the occupation of a large section of the Dalmatian coast in order to control the Adriatic.

Another great danger pointed out by the retiring Italian Ambassador is the agitation in Belgrade and rumors of a general mobilization of Serbian troops. Since the coup d'etat of Mussolini there have been large anti-Serbian demonstrations in Fiume and along the Dalmatian coast.

Mussolini Attacks Rapallo Treaty
In addition to this, all the Fascisti newspapers are publishing articles signed by Mussolini violently attacking the Rapallo treaty.

Sforza signed with Jugoslavia and in which the Italians agreed to give up the Adriatic. The present danger in the state taken by the treaty is not yet completely executed and there is a large area filled with Italian troops.

Since a defensive alliance exists among Belgrade, Prague and Bucharest and Italy's refusal to fulfill the Rapallo treaty would be considered a deliberate breach of peace, the danger to Europe is obvious. The French and British governments are aware of this danger threatening the peace of Europe and are exchanging notes declining to diplomatic action in the event Mussolini persists in his attitude toward Jugoslavia.

As the Fascisti gained most of its strength on the basis of its demand for a greater Italy, including a demand for Switzerland and Tunis, it is believed that Mussolini will be forced to live up to the promise he has made or lose his popularity.

Official Circles Frankly Worried
Official circles here are frankly worried over the situation, but hope the powers will be able to curb extreme demands and force the Fascisti to live up to international agreements.

ROME, Nov. 1. (By The Associated Press).—Every hour brings fresh action on the part of Premier Mussolini to prove his firm intention of restoring discipline in all the ranks.

Replying to congratulations received from the press organizations, the Premier declared yesterday when he intended "to safeguard the liberty of the press, on condition that the press be worthy of liberty."

"Liberty," he said, "is not only a right, but a duty."

To General Diaz, who is said to have accepted the portfolio of war in order to give Italy a new, more energetic, more modern, more efficient army, Signor Mussolini declared yesterday:

"We will give Italy a unique army, as we have carried out a unique revolution. Indeed, throughout the ages, there never was a revolution like ours, in which all public services continued, commerce was carried on and clerks, workmen and peasants fulfilled their labors."

Naval Gun Plant Turns To Making Mail Boxes

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—In line with the Administration's program of rigid economy in all governmental expenses and as an echo of the armament conference, the big naval gun factory of the Washington Navy Yard has been partly converted into a letter box manufacturing plant. The first 100 of a 9,600 order of the street-corner mail boxes were delivered to-day to the postal authorities. It is the first time in the history of the department that it has been independent of outside manufacturers.

Under the agreement with the Navy Department the boxes of steel, brass and zinc are obtained at the actual cost of making, and at the same time work is provided for employees who otherwise would lose their jobs.

U. S. Will Live Within Income For Next Year

**Gen. Lord's Report, To Be
Handed Harding in Few
Days, to Show 3 Billion
Dollar Budget Balance**

**Executive's Efforts Help
200 Millions Pared From
Estimates; President Will
Pleased at the Result**

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The United States government is at last almost out of the woods financially. General Lord, director of the budget, has the estimates of the next fiscal year ready to go to President Harding next week for his approval and transmission to Congress.

These figures have been pared and slashed and revised until they are well within the estimates of the Treasury Department for the revenue for the next fiscal year. Not only that, but the predicted deficit of \$698,000,000 for this fiscal year, ending next June 30, will be much reduced.

President Harding is now in a position where he is assured the government of the United States will be fully self-sustaining next fiscal year and he is greatly rejoiced over it. No additional taxation will be necessary.

Harding Works on Budget
It is not generally known that for many months the President personally has devoted a large amount of time each week to the study of the Budget and a detailed consideration of the budget items. It is said by high officials to be a fact that the question of the budget has occupied the mind of the President more fully and unsparingly than any other official subject. He has shown the keenest interest in giving close study to all phases of the budget question.

The estimated receipts of the government, as calculated by the Treasury Department for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1923, amount to \$3,128,000,000.

The exact total of the estimates, as they are now prepared and ready for the President's approval, is not made public, but they are within the figures already given as to the revenue which the Treasury expects next fiscal year.

First Figures \$200,000,000 Over
The preliminary estimates of the departments and independent bureaus, forty-three of them, were put into the hands of the President in August. In spite of the fact the President has said he would not approve estimates which would be above the revenues, it was found that the preliminary figures were about \$200,000,000 in excess of the expected revenues, as reported by the Treasury to General Lord.

Orders were then given by the Director of the Budget to revise these figures and pare them down so the aggregate would come within the government's anticipated income.

Even the estimate for winning the White House, which had shown some increases for the coming year, was cut along with the rest and President Harding sanctioned it.

U. S. Self-Sustaining Nation
President Harding takes the view that the United States is about the only nation in the world that is nearly self-sustaining, and he is anxious to improve the country's financial situation. While it has a deficit in sight at the end of this fiscal year, officials say there is no doubt the next fiscal year will be a great improvement over the present year. Moreover, this will be without any more taxes. The President has taken a stand against any further tax legislation.

Checks Prove Tammanyites Split Bus Cash

**Bronx Operator's "Partners"
Revealed as Dummies,
With O'Neill and
Murphy Estate Gainers**

**Whalen Shouts "Rat"
And "Liar" at Shearn**

**Commissioner Bursts Into
Hearing Pale With Rage
to Deny Bribery Charge**

Ferdinand W. Frankenberg, president of the West Farms Bus Company, will go down in Bronx political history as the man who, on November 1, 1922, "gave the snap away."

His testimony yesterday before the Transit Commission set forth the fact that the dead hand of the late Arthur H. Murphy, former Bronx Tammany boss, is still powerful in the distribution of easy money from the Hyman-Whalen bus administration, and that Under Sheriff Thomas H. O'Neill gets many times more than his salary of \$5,000 a year without doing anything for it except to endorse checks from month to month.

Canceled checks obtained on subpoena from the Columbia Bank yesterday, on the day they were to be returned to Frankenberg, whose habit it is to destroy all such, were produced at the investigation. They showed that O'Neill and the estate of Arthur H. Murphy are, with Frankenberg, owners of the Frankenberg bus line; that Frankenberg sent them as their month's share in the profits of the concern \$470.95 each. Frankenberg admitted under oath that this was his method of sharing his profits month by month.

Whalen Calls Shearn "Rat"

Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, stung because Louis Wiggin testified Monday that he had been "blackjacked" out of his bus permit in September, 1919, because he would not come across with \$25,000 for an "unnamed big chief," injected himself into the proceedings yesterday afternoon, called Clarence J. Shearn, former justice of the Appellate Division and counsel to the commission, a "dirty little rat" and a liar, and demanded an immediate opportunity to vindicate himself and put on the record his statement that Riedi is a liar and perjurer.

Commissioner Whalen was a hard-looking stranger who would not give his name, but who, when Whalen assailed Mr. Shearn, showed marked inclination to spring upon Shearn.

Mr. Whalen was pale with anger when he rapidly brushed into the hearing room. Frankenberg was "sweating blood" under the merciless probing of the "dirty little rat" in his hand two incriminating checks.

"That is your signature, isn't it?" he demanded of Frankenberg.

"Yes, sir," said the bus man.

"Let me read to you the names of what appears on the front of these checks and then what appears on the back of these checks," continued the inquisition.

Commission—All Attention
Commissioners Aheny and Harkey, but that was coming, leaned forward. Shearn rose to his feet.

"Check No. 261, New York, October 18, 1922. Columbia Bank. Pay to the order of cash \$470.95-100. Then written out in full hundred and seventy dollars and 95-100. Signed E. Frankenberg. Indorsed on the back, 'pay to the order of the Corn Exchange Bank, N. Y., estate of Arthur H. Murphy.' Then the clearing House stamp, showing that the check is paid in due course."

Mr. Shearn was about to resume the grilling of Frankenberg when Commissioner Whalen fairly shot into the room and stood to the table, alongside which stood Mr. Shearn.

"Mr. Chairman," demanded the Commissioner, "do you have the privilege of addressing the chair?"

Miller Calls Smith Foe Of 5-Cent Fare, Re-elect Governor, Hughes Urges

**State Needs "Business
Administration by Man
of Proved Efficiency,"
Declares Cabinet Officer**

**Stresses Economy
Record of Regime**

**Freedom From Tyranny
of Ambition Is His Big
Asset, Says Secretary**

Governor Miller's indifference to his political future was cited last night by Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes as a prime source of his strength as the state's chief executive officer. Secretary Hughes was the principal speaker at a crowded meeting for Miller held at Cooper Union. Other speakers were Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore, leader of the women's wing of the Republican party in the state, and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University.

Spikes Presidential Rumors
Incidentally those sinister whisperings which have it that Governor Miller is anxious for re-election only because he regards it as a step toward the Presidency were definitely spiked in unmistakable terms by the Governor himself. Coming in toward the close of one of the most enthusiastic rallies of the campaign Governor Miller pledged his support two years from now to Governor Miller.

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**De Valera Strengthens
Anti-Cohalan Forces**

Acting, it is reported, on orders cabled from Ireland by their chief, Eamon de Valera, the American Association for Recognition of the Irish Republic has adopted resolutions telling New Yorkers to vote against Surrogate John P. Cohalan.

The resolutions were made public last night at the headquarters of John P. O'Brien, one of the Murphy-Koenig candidates for Surrogate.

The De Valera group which adopted the anti-Cohalan resolutions held meetings following the assassination of Michael Collins, head of the Irish Free State, praising the followers of De Valera who assassinated him.

**McAdoo Orders
12 Arrested in
Election Frauds**

Gilbert Threatens to Appeal
to Governor for Right
to Request Indictments;
Chief Magistrate Acts

Chief Magistrate McAdoo issued warrants last night for the arrest of twelve persons charged by Special Deputy Attorney General Gilbert with violations of the election law. Simultaneously six men were apprehended in Brooklyn by agents of Special Deputy Attorney General Moscovitz on fraud charges.

Asked if the warrants had been requested only in cases regarded by him as a flagrant case necessitating immediate prosecution, Mr. McAdoo said: "All other cases will be presented to the grand jury. Mr. Gilbert declared, adding that in case a final decision of the court debar him from presenting evidence to the grand jury he will appeal to Governor Miller for special authorization."

Owing to the large number of cases unearthed in Brooklyn by Deputy Attorney General Moscovitz, the Brooklyn grand jury will remain in session another week to handle them while the November grand jury takes care of routine matters. It was thought probable that at least forty indictments will be returned in Kings County.

Finds Much Colonization
Discussing progress of investigations under way in Manhattan and the Bronx, Mr. Gilbert said a serious condition of affairs exists in the 4th District, where extensive colonization has been unearthed. Aside from that Gilbert said he had described the situation as "the most serious case of colonization" he had ever encountered.

Mr. Gilbert said, "The greatest statesman New York State has ever produced is a very simple man. Secretary Hughes said, 'It is whether they desire the continuance of the extraordinarily capable administration that they have had under the present executive. There has been plentiful work in both parties and in all our civic organizations of the need of an efficient, businesslike administration of the state government. Nine-tenths of the matters with which the Governor has to deal have really no partisan aspect whatever. They are simply business questions of those which the people of a great business organization must meet. You have been blessed with an exceptionally competent administration, and if you really want that sort of administration and not merely to talk about it, it is your high privilege to have it, for the man of proved efficiency is at your command.'"

Need of Economy Stressed
The outstanding need two years ago in state and national administration was to halt extravagance in public expenditures, the Secretary said. Wasteful outlays were sucking up the gains which were imperatively needed for the purpose of carrying on the state government. In this situation the interest of every wage earner was at stake. Economy and efficiency were the fundamental requisites, and said the speaker, "you cannot perform that task with the glad hand."

The problem had been successfully attacked in state and Federal administrations, he continued. Wasteful expenditures had been stopped and efficiency established.

"In the nation," he continued, "this great achievement has been due to the indefatigable purpose and high-minded leadership of President Harding. The President has not permitted any selfish interest to stand in the way of the people."

Allen Criminal Voters
Mr. Moscovitz, discussing the work of his staff in Brooklyn, said last night he regarded as serious the disclosure of scores of instances in which aliens had been admitted to the state without citizenship. The facts will be presented this morning to Federal Judge Garvin by Special Deputy Attorney General Moscovitz, who has conducted this phase of the campaign.

"In some waterfront districts we have found indubitable evidence of colonizing frauds involving politicians," Mr. Moscovitz said. "We are investigating activities of several district captains and may be in a position to make arrests to-day."

**Electors Must Choose Between
Tammany and
Non-Political Control, Is
the Governor's Warning**

**Hyman Transit Plan
"Economic Idiocy"**

**Commission His Rival
Would Abolish Needs
No Defense, He Says**

New York's voters are confronted by the choice between the Smith promise to destroy the Transit Commission, thereby making the transit system part and parcel of a political machine, and the Miller promise to divorce transit from politics, provide adequate transportation facilities and guarantee operation for a universal five-cent fare, Governor Miller declared last night at the Claremont Avenue Rink in Brooklyn.

That is the issue, asserted the Governor, adding that while he himself was accepting full responsibility for the Transit Commission's acts, because he considered them businesslike, far-sighted and devoid of political considerations, the Democratic candidate was shirking responsibility for the way he handled the transit problem and was committing himself to the Hyman project, which the Governor characterized as "a weird plan of economic idiocy and political bunk."

Contrasts Transit Programs
"Candidate Smith proposes first to destroy the Transit Commission and its work; and second, to turn the transit lines of this town over to political control," Mr. Miller said. "I propose to continue to support the Transit Commission in the work which it is now undertaking, first having saved the five-cent fare, to re-establish the universal transfer system that was destroyed under Commissioner Nixon; and second, to establish a unified system operating throughout the city for a universal five-cent fare."

"I have already made the pledge, and I now repeat that pledge that that will be done, that the Transit Commission and its work are destroyed. You want the transfers that formerly you were entitled to destroyed, the transfers to ride to any part of the city on a single fare, instead of the present system of transfers. That is what I promise to do. Do you want back again these 1,500 or 1,700 transfer points that were taken away by Smith's Transit Commission?"

"The Democratic candidate is showing evidence of becoming groggry, for he is resorting to blocking, holding up and side-stepping," he continued, "wants to discuss transit. I am not willing to discuss transit. I am willing to discuss the transfers that formerly you were entitled to destroyed, the transfers to ride to any part of the city on a single fare, instead of the present system of transfers. That is what I promise to do. Do you want back again these 1,500 or 1,700 transfer points that were taken away by Smith's Transit Commission?"

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**British Rout Laborites
In Municipal Elections**

**Representation Wiped Out in
Some Instances, but Few
Gains Are Made**

LONDON, (Thursday), Nov. 2. (By The Associated Press).—The rout of Labor was the feature of the municipal elections in a large number of boroughs throughout England yesterday. Up to an early hour this morning the returns were incomplete, but it is significant that in ten of London's twenty-two boroughs the completed returns show that Labor lost 149 seats which were previously held by Laborites. In some instances their representation was completely wiped out.

The provincial returns available are more significant, indicating the loss of more than 100 Labor seats in about half the boroughs, mostly the large centers of Liverpool, Birmingham, Derby, Nottingham, Plymouth, Southampton and Southampton.

**Boy, 14, Charged With Slaying
Recluse, 75, for \$2,462 Hoard**

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Nov. 1.—Elmer Washburn, fourteen years old, was today being held in the Susquehanna County jail at Montrose, Pa., charged with the murder of Cyrus Payne, seventy-five-year-old recluse, whose body was found Sunday in his cabin at Brushville.

State troopers called Washburn from his class in school to-day and invited him to take an automobile ride. They said they showed him the stock of a rifle found hidden in the attic of the Washburn home and said to fit the barrel of a gun with which the old man is believed to have been beaten to death.

Washburn broke down, the troopers said to-night, and made a complete confession, later leading the authorities to a woodshed where, he said, he had hidden money taken from the home of the murdered man. One bill of \$1,000, denominations, another of \$500, three of \$100, eight \$50 bills, nine \$20 bills and two \$10 bills were found in the cash, the troopers declared